

# WCGS News

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## Cemeteries, Wills, Surfing

### Henry Joseph Williams Cemetery

Roper, Lees Mill Twp, Washington Co, NC  
US 64 E - .1 mile on right past Roper "Y" - Side of  
road, fenced in; Bracketed information from Index to  
Deaths, Washington County Registry

1. Williams, Joseph - 6 Jan 1839 - 11 Jun 1910
2. Williams, Sarah Jane - 7 Jun 1842 - 16 Jul 1933 [Death certificate lists date as 22 Jul 1933 - B 9 p 46 - Father: Simon Alexander; Mother: Harriet Frances Collins.]
3. Chesson, Mary A. - 16 Feb 1857 - 11 Jul 1923 [B 3 p 20 - Father: George W. Chesson; Mother: Harriet Collins]
4. Collins, James Sylvester - 5 Dec 1869 - 3 Apr 1959 [B 31 / p 20 - Father: William G. Collins; Mother: Margret Wilkons]
5. Collins, Hattie Williams - 6 Jul 1876 - 12 Mar 1965 [B 37 / p 31 - Father: Henry J. Williams, Mother: Sarah Jane Alexander]
6. Williams, Robert Lee - 18 Dec 1906 - 29 Aug 1984 (World War II - US Navy)
7. Williams, Sarah Lavenia - 21 Sep 1908 - 26 Sep 1908 (Veronica Haskett notes: daughter of R. L. & Lillie L. Williams)
8. Williams, Infant son (of R. L. & Lillie L. Williams) - 29 Sep 1901
9. Williams, Henry Lucas - 6 Dec 1911 - 30 Sep 1917 (son of Lilly L. & R. L. Williams) [Death index lists as: Harry Lucas Williams d 30 Sep 1917 - B 1 / p 426; Father: R. L. Williams, Mother: Lillie Lucas]
10. Williams, Robert Lee - 13 May 1867 - 12 Mar 1952
11. Williams, Lily Lucas - 22 Sep 1877 - 4 Jan 1961
12. Williams, Nancy Carolyn - 13 Apr 1943 - 12 Jun 1951 (dau. Paul & Vera Williams)
13. Williams Paula Jean - 7 Jul 1944 - 12 Jun 1951
14. Williams, Paul Jones - 27 Apr 1914 (United in matrimony 5 Feb 1941)
15. Williams, Vera Jean Esley - 25 Sep 1920 - 15 Feb 1982 (United in matrimony 5 Feb 1941)
16. Shepardson, Maude Belar - 1872 - 1951
17. Shepardson, Jed C. - 1865 - 1939
18. Bailey, B. Franklin - 25 Mar 1866 - 8 Oct 1928
19. Bailey, Sarah Frances - 21 Feb 1870 - 8 Jan 1960
20. Thompson, William C. - 1862 - 1922
21. Thompson, Martha L. - 1868 - 1948
22. Warren, Pearl T. - 1898 - 1974 [Pearl Thompson Warren, died 5 Feb 1974, B 46 / p 101 - Father: William C. Thompson, Mother: Martha Williams]
23. Williams, Henry M. Sr. - 13 Sep 1878 - 5 Jun 1945
24. Williams, M. Blanche - 26 Sep 1887 - 4 Nov 1943 [Martha Blanche Williams, died 4 Nov 1943, B 2 / pg 721; Father: W. M. Spruill, Mother: Mattie Sexton]
25. Williams, Henry M. Jr. - 15 Sep 1907 - 21 July 1972
26. Chesson, Roger T., Sr. - 2 Jul 1910 - 1 Feb 1988 77 yr
27. Chesson, Grace W. - 22 Feb 1916 [d. 9 Sep 1995 B 52 / p 292; Father: Lindley Bowen Windley Sr., Mother: Etta Pearl Rice]
28. Chesson, Jessie N. - 2 Sep 1877 - 19 Feb 1916 [Jessie Olivia Chesson, B 1 / p 345; Father: Charles H. Norman, Mother: Margaret Rodgers]
29. Chesson, Hezekiah - 22 May 1870 - 27 Nov 1941
30. Rainey, Della V. - 1879 - 1969

31. Chesson, Marion V. - 9 Mar 1923 - 18 Dec 1923 [Marion Virginia Chesson, B 3 / p 112; Father: H. Chesson; Mother: Della Singleton]
32. Chesson, Julia Florine - 1919 - 1922 [d. 27 Jan 1922; B 3 / p 45; Father: H. C. Chesson; Mother: Della Singleton]
33. Chesson, Alpheus M. - 25 Aug 1873 - 27 Jan 1965 [Alpheus Marion Chesson, B 37 / p 27; Father: James C. Chesson; Mother: Frances Williams]
34. Chesson, Eloise S. - 16 Nov 1883 - 30 Dec 1969 [B.41 / p 47 - Father: James U. Swanner; Mother: Frances Hassell]
35. Chesson, Roland M. 12 Nov 1901 - 8 June 1946

### William Bowen Cemetery

Location: NC 32 S - Behind house 1 mile from Beaufort County line (about 100 yds from highway and 100 yds from Edgar Respass Cemetery)

1. Bowen, Martha F., wife of Langley R. Bowen, b. 2 Jan 1840, d. 7 June 1920. Aged 80 years, 5 months, 5 days [Wash. Co. B 2 pg 561; {Martha Francis}, Father: Caswell Oden, Mother: Elizabeth Stubbs]
2. Bowen, L. R., b. 9 March 1828, d. 2 April 1902. Age 74 years, 24 days.
3. Harrison, Rhoda E., wife of Asa A. Harrison, b. 12 Feb. 1857, d. 8 Oct. 1879; age 22 years, 7 months, 26 days
4. Bowen, infant son of G. L. and Mary E. Bowen.
5. Bowen, Velsor O., son of G. L. and Mary E. Bowen, b. 21 Sept 1897, d. 29 Mar 1914. [Death index says Velson; Wash. Co: B 1 / pg 450 - Father: George Langley Bowen, Mother: Mary E. "Lizzy" Ormand]
6. Bowen, George Langley, b. 20 July 1867, d. 13 Sept 1929 [Wash. Co. B 6 pg 420; Father: Langley R. Bowen; Mother: Martha Frances Oden]
7. Bowen, Dempsey Latham, b. 22 Sept 1879, d. 19 July 1901.
8. Bowen, Virgil Clinton, b. 29 Mar. 1877, d. 31 Dec. 1893
9. Bowen, Thaddeus Hinton, b. 2 Nov. 1866, d. 3 Nov. 1871
10. Bowen, William Watkins, b. 2 Nov 1866, d. 2 Nov. 1867
11. Bowen, infant of Wm. J. and Sophia E. Bowen - 1863
12. Bowen, Gilbert Claudius, b. 16 June 1851, d. 27 Jan. 1855
13. Bowen, Elizabeth, consort of Wm. J. Bowen who d. 19 Jan, 1855 aged ? Years, 4 mos., 27 days.
14. Bowen, William J., b. 10 Oct 1825, d. 13 Nov. 1909
15. Bowen, Sophie E. Latham, wife of Wm. J. Bowen, b. 7 Dec. 1841, d. 7 June 1882
16. Windley, Marietta Bowen, b. 29 Nov. 1863, d. 18 Feb. 1944  
Windley, John T., b. 29 June 1854, d. 4 Jan. 1923
17. Windley, Bernard M., son of Jno. T. and Marietta Windley, b. 6 Nov. 1903, d. 30 July 1909.
18. Windley, Marietta, daughter of Jno. T. and Marietta Windley, b. 1 Feb. 1898, d. 28 Nov. 1904
19. Windley, Lora M., twin daughter of Jno. T., and Marietta Windley, b. 5 Nov. 1901, d. 11 Nov. 1901.
20. Bowen, Henry H., b. 11 Feb. 1823, d. 11 Feb. 1907
21. Bowen, Ann Latham Bowen, wife of Henry Hunter Bowen, b. 16 Dec. 1824, d. 19 Sept, 1902. Age 77 years, 9 mos, 3 days.
22. Bowen, William, b. 21 June 1799, d. 14<sup>th</sup> June 1874, aged 74 years, 11 months and 23 days.
23. Bowen, Mrs. Rhoda, consort of Wm. Bowen, b. 7 July 1799, d. 5 Dec 1885.
24. Headstone under ground.
25. Bowen, Sallyan H., daughter of William and Rhoda Bowen, b. 3 Nov 1830, d. 21 Sept 1898.
26. Bowen, Z. E., son of H. H. and Ann L. Bowen, b. 24 Oct. 1856, d. 23 Sept 1857.
27. Bowen, infant son of H. H. and Ann L. Bowen, b. 21 May 1850
28. Windley, Mattie Elizabeth, b. 23 July 1894, d. 11 Feb. 1964
29. Bowen, Katie D., dau. Of W. H. and D. E. Bowen, b. 19 Oct 1897, d. 16 Oct 1900.
30. Bowen, George W., b. 30 Dec 1833, d. 21 July 1898.
31. Bowen, Mary Elizabeth, wife of George W. Bowen, b. 28 June 1841, d. 11 Mar. 1930.

32. Wooden headboard, no information.

### Area Obituaries

Lillie Jackson Palin, 97, of Roper, died 22 Feb 2001 at Washington County Hospital, Plymouth NC. She was born 4 March 1904 in Washington Co., daughter of the late Francis and Henry Jackson. She was a housewife and member of Shiloh Disciples Church of Christ. Survivors include a sister, Eva Jackson, Creswell and grandchildren. Burial was at the church cemetery. (RB 2/28/2001 pg 4A)

### From our mailboxes:

Phillip P. Coulter ([ppcoulter@home.com](mailto:ppcoulter@home.com)) recently e-mailed a copy of a lengthy list of symbols used on headstones or tombstones. Rather than print the list, we decided to offer it either online by contacting Phil, or the editor ([shirleyanphelps@sprintmail.com](mailto:shirleyanphelps@sprintmail.com)); if you want a hard copy, send an SASE to WCGS.

A couple of symbols from that list: "Farmer - Coulter (type of hoe), flail (threshing implement), swingletree (rod for beating flax), stalk of corn; Minister - Bible; Weaver - Loom, Shuttle & Stretchers; Thistle - Deceased was of Scottish descent; Lamb - Usually marks the grave of a child and means innocence."

**Surfers Beware** - Linda Haas Davenport ([lhaasdav@mindspring.com](mailto:lhaasdav@mindspring.com) - that's an L not a 1)

Did you have fun last month learning all about Boolean searches, net etiquette and visiting the Washington Co web site? I'm sure you did. (By the way, wandering around the web is called "Surfing the Web").

In a past article I touched lightly on a group of volunteers who have a project called The USGenWeb Project and also some sites that require you to subscribe (haul out your credit card) before you can use the information on their sites. These are just a few of the web sites that can help you in your search for your ancestors. There are many more that you will want to visit.

However, before we start to madly click away let's take a minute and talk about what kind of information you will find on the web to help you in your search for your ancestors. There are actually four kinds of genealogy sites on the web (well five if you count the scam artists).

The first of these are reputable sites that offer you information for free. They range from the

USGenWeb Project all the way to a wonderful list of links called Cyndi's List. These sites are hosted by volunteers and the information found on the sites is usually for one given location (a state, a county, a town) or one subject (census transcriptions, marriage records, death records, migration trails, passenger ship's lists, etc.).

The second type of sites are the Subscription Sites. The big three are; Ancestry, Heritage Quest and Everton Publishers. Of these three Ancestry is far and away the largest and offers the most information.

The third type of sites are those hosted by government agencies, universities and the Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS). All of these types of sites are free and offer wide spread information that is not confined to any one specific location or subject. Here you will find the most wonderful information on such things as history, old government records, old photos and - well, the list goes on and on and on.

The fourth type of sites are called Home Pages or Personal Sites. These are web sites put up and maintained by an individual. There are literally thousands of these home pages on the web.

No matter which sites you visit there is one thing to keep in mind and that is that the information you are looking at (unless it is an actual scanned copy of a document) is not a primary source. Not familiar with the term Primary Source? Okay I'll digress here for a second.

A primary source is any document (or piece of information) that was produced either by your ancestor (a diary, a letter, etc.) or that was produced in the presence of your ancestor (a deed, a will, a marriage license, etc.) or a recorded account of an event or thing that was produced while your ancestor was alive (a census record, a tax list, a voter's list, a family Bible record, a military roll, etc.). The official definition of a Primary Source is: "Personal testimony of an eyewitness or a record created shortly after the event by a person with personal knowledge of the facts".

A secondary source is information or a document that pertains to a person but the person may or may not have had any input into the information or was not alive when the information was produced (death certificates, family or county history books, etc.). The official definition of a Secondary Source is: "Evidence that is copied or

compiled from other sources or that is written from memory long after an event occurred."

Now back to business. Almost everything you find on the web will be secondary source information and as such should not be added to your family's history until it has been substantiated by a primary source. In fact, there's a lot of information on the web that's just plain wrong. Some is due to errors that are made when an original record is transcribed (we all know what trying to decipher old handwriting is like), some is due to sloppy research on the part of the person publishing the information and some is due to incorrect information being passed around between genealogists that after a time gains "credibility" just because it keeps showing up.

The old adage "buyer beware" should be your motto while collecting information from the web. And, while we are on the subject of buyer beware a quick comment - please do not post or share information on any of your living relatives and do not post (or share) much personal information about yourself either. Not on the web or on any of the e-mail lists. I talked about the web being a dangerous place in one of my previous articles. I meant that sincerely. There are unscrupulous and sometimes dangerous people who surf the web. Protect yourself and your living relatives - keep personal information private.

Now that you are forewarned about what you will find on the web let's look a bit closer at a few sites for you to visit. The URLs (addresses) of these sites will follow the name of the site. Remember you must, I repeat must, type the link exactly as shown or you won't get to where you want to go.

The USGenWeb Project (<http://www.usgenweb.org>) is an excellent place to start. This Project has a web site for every U.S. state, county and town. Be sure to check out the Special Projects for such things as transcribed census records, cemetery listings and much more. Information on these sites ranges from excellent to nothing much more than a place to post queries. (Keep in mind these sites are maintained by volunteers). There are a few other projects like the USGenWeb Project, but most of them are still in their infancy. One such is American History & Genealogy Project (<http://www.ahgp.org>).

You need to drop by Ancestry (<http://www.ancestry.com>) and see what they have to offer. Although this is a subscription site you can

perform a search for your ancestor and see what turns up. While you are there subscribe to their free newsletter. It contains a lot of hype about the company but its one redeeming feature is that it announces the new databases Ancestry is putting on-line. Ancestry's gift to the genealogy community is making each of their databases free to all comers for the first 10 days the database is on-line. This is information you don't want to miss. Visit the other two main subscription sites: Heritage Quest (<http://www.heritagequest.com>) and Everton Publishers (<http://www.everton.com>) and see what they have to offer.

There are four other sites I highly recommend that you visit. The first is Rootsweb (<http://www.rootsweb.com>) where you find all kinds of information. This is the place to sign up for e-mail lists for your surnames and/or location lists for your ancestor's areas. You will also find an up-to-date death list of Social Security information where you can leave post-it-notes on your own ancestors records. Be sure to take the time to read some of the great lessons on genealogy that you will find there.

The second is the National Archives (<http://www.nara.gov>). What a wealth of information they have! You can browse their microfilm for rent listings. Find out how to order pension, military and other types of records and other general information pertaining to the Archives.

The third is my own home page (yes I know I'm tooting my own horn) (<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~haas>) where you will find a lot of information about how to do research (besides just some fun things) and a list of Great Links that will take you to many interesting places on the web.

And, the last place is the ultimate list of links - Cyndi's List (<http://www.cyndislist.com>). It's the largest gathering together of links for genealogist to be found on the web.

I hope you have enjoyed our chats as much as I have but I feel that you are now ready to surf the web on your own so it's time for me to leave you. I may pop up again, off and on, if I find really good spots for you to visit. And, if I can answer any questions for you please drop me an e-mail (my e-mail address is at the top) and I'll do my best to help. Enjoy surfing the web and the best of luck. LHS

### WASHINGTON COUNTY Deeds

*DEED Book A Abstracted February 1990 - Washington County  
By Jeanne Smith O'Neal and Louise Smith*

**Bk A Pg 1,2,3 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 30 January 1800 **Registered:** 30 May 1800 **Grantor:** Benjamin Fessenden of Plymouth **Grantee:** Watson Freeman - Gedian Batz of Boston **For:** One Thousand Pounds current money of N.C. **Description:** South side of Roanoke River at Capt. John Guithers corner 300 ft to Robert Armistead line. 50 ft. thence a paralell line with the first to the River - thence down the River 50 ft. to beginning with all the house thereon and one half or mostly of a small schooner by the name of "Two Sisters" owned by Benjamin Fessenden and a certain Thomas Swinson... **Signed:** Benjamin Fessenden **Witness:** I Slade

**Bk A Pg 4 & 5 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 26 December 1799 **Registered:** 4 June 1800 **Grantor:** Isaac Tarkenton **Grantee:** William Tarkenton **For:** Two Hundred seventy-five pounds **Description:** 112 acres on south side of Albemarle Sound along the sound and other lands of William Tarkenton **Signed:** Isaac (his x mark) Tarkenton **Witness:** Benjamin Phelps and John Phelps, son **Remarks:** Jas. Jones, Regr

**Bk A Pg 6 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 19 February 1800 **Registered:** 10 June 1800 **Grantor:** Enos Boughton **Grantee:** Thomas Williams **For:** \$80 (eighty dollars) **Description:** 37 1/2 acres of land and swamp a part of a tract purchased from Charles Johnson and William Borritz on 5 October 1799. Located on the westerly side of the long ridge of said tract...near the dwelling house of John Powers. **Signed:** Enos Boughton **Witness:** Richard Fagan and Thos Fagan

**Bk A Pg 8 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 25 February 1800 **Registered:** 10 June 1800 **Jas Jones, Reg Grantor:** John Swinson and John Long **Grantee:** Nemiah Norman **For:** Two Hundred and fifty Dollars **Description:** "One negroe wench called Anny" **Signed:** John Swinson & John Long **Witness:** Luke H. White & James Davenport

**Bk A Pg 9 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 6 March 1799 **Registered:** 10 June 1800 **Jas Jones, Reg Grantor:** Charles Collins **Grantee:** Matthew McShaw **For:** Sixty Pounds currency **Description:** Beginning at Thomas Rogers corner tree...the Gum Bridge...Prisscala Ward's house to Nathan Rogers line to corner in Worley's pecotion **Signed:** Charles Collins **Witness:** W. Fagan Penny Collins

**Bk A Pg 11 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 23 March 1800 **Registered:** 18 June 1800 **Grantor:** John Hambleton of Beaufort County **Grantee:** James Hambleton, My son **For:** No Consideration, Gift deed **Description:** 50 acres - pine by a Pond of My Ladey's Pole Swamp a pine by the Dismal...the Giving line **Signed:** John Hambleton **Witness:** William Hollowell; Nancy Hollowell

**Bk A Pg 12 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 25 February 1800 **Registered:** 24 June 1800 **Grantor:** John Swain, a planter **Grantee:** Ezekial Leary, a planter **For:** 100 pounds current money **Description:** 50 acres, more or less; South side of Albemarle Sound - a gum in old patten line of John Swain Dec'd **Signed:** John Swain **Witness:** Eleazer Swain - Isc. Long

**Bk A Pg 14 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 23 September 1799 **Registered:** 4 July 1800 **Grantor:** Thomas Garrett of Martin County **Grantee:** Bradley Garrett of Tyrrell County **For:** Ten Pounds **Description:** "My lot or part of the land formerly the property of my Father which was lately divided." **Signed:** Thomas (xhis mark) Garrett **Witness:** Jno Terrill, Levi Stubbs

**Bk A Pg 15 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 15 November 1799 **Registered:** 4 July 1800 **Grantor:** James Gilbird **Grantee:** William Gilbird **For:** One hundred & fifty pounds, current money **Description:** "a part of a tract of land containing 217 acres, known by the name of Stubb Hall" **Signed:** James Gilbird **Witness:** Nicholas Gilbird & Emmanuel Leggett **Remarks:** "Gilbird" is written in the deed; this deed is indexed as "Gilbert"

**Book A, Page 17, 18, 19 County:** Tyrrell **Date Written:** 25 Nov 1799 **Registered:** 16 July 1800 **(Wash Co.) Grantor:** William Blount of Tyrrell County **Grantee:** Enos Boughton, late of New York **For:** Seventy pounds yearly & other terms & conditions **Description:** Twenty (20) acres more or less with two storehouses; on main road near Lees Mill at a post of the Bridge thence along other lands of William Blount. **Signed:** **Witness:** C Duckett; S Chesson **Comments or Notes:** This is a lease agreement for a term of six years.

**Page 20 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 12 May 1800 **Registered:** 20 Sept 1800 **Grantor:** Joshua Robason, of Martin Co. **Grantee:** James McDonald, of Washington Co **For:** Ten pounds NC currency **Description:** Lot # 69 on waters of Roanoke River in Town of Plymouth **Signed:** **Witness:** B Fessenden; Edwd Byrd

Page 21-22 County: Washington Date**Written:** 23 June 1800 **Registered:** 25 Sept 1800**Grantor:** Arthur Rhoads of Washington Co.**Grantee:** Joel Thorp of Washington Co. **For:**Eighty pounds current money **Description:** Lot # 143 in Town of Plymouth adjoining a lot of John Armistead **Signed:** **Witness:** S Chesson; W FaganPage 22 County: Washington Date**Written:** 18 Sept 1800 **Registered:** 30 Oct 1800 **Grantor:** LeviBlount Sr of Washington Co. **Grantee:** JamesJohnson of Washington Co. **For:** \$150.00**Description:** Lot # 98 in Town of Plymouth **Signed:****Witness:** John D Stewart; Stark ArmisteadPage 24 County: Washington Date**Written:** 11 Oct 1799 **Registered:** 8 Dec 1800 **Grantor:** JohnSpruill of Tyrrell Co **Grantee:** Andrew Oliver ofWashington Co. **For:** Fifteen pounds **Description:**

18 and one quarter of swamp on waters of north side of Scuppernong River; one half of the swamp

purchased of George Oliver...corner in dividing line between Spruill and Uriah Phelps...various courses

of River **Signed:** **Witness:** ? Davis; William

Davenport

Page 25 County: Washington Date**Written:** 22 Apr 1800 **Registered:** 8 Dec 1800 **Grantor:**John Swinson of Washington Co **Grantee:** WilliamWard of Washington Co **For:** Three Hundred &Fifty Pounds currency **Description:** Bill of sale for

three negroes to wit Primas, Doll and Poll with the

increase of the negroe women Doll and Poll **Signed:****Witness:** Martin R Byrd, Esq; Thos WilliamsPage 26 County: Washington Date**Written:** 15 May 1800 **Registered:** 8 Dec 1800 **Grantor:**Arthur Rhoades of Washington Co **Grantee:** MartinR Byrd of Washington Co **For:** \$125.00**Description:** Bill of sale of a certain negroe girl bythe name of Leah with her increase **Signed:****Witness:** B HardisonPage 27 County: Washington Date**Written:** 25 July 1800 **Recorded:** 10 Dec 1800 **Grantor:**Thomas Stubbs of Washington Co **Grantee:**Alexander Hopkins of Washinton Co **For:** 150pounds currency **Description:** 50 acres - Begin at,

a hickory...along Mill Pond up to a Branch - up said

branch to a corner tree of William Mackeys and

Thomas Stubbs thence along line that divides said

land from Mackeys. **Signed:** **Witness:** H Hardy; M

R Byrd

Bk A Pg 29 County: Tyrrell Date**Written:** 26 December 1799 **Registered:** 11 Dec 1800 -Washington County **Grantor:** William Brogdon andAfrica Brogdon Grantee: Bradley Garrett**For:** Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings current money**Description:** Ten (10) acres Plot # 5 of the Division of the land of James Garrett, Dec<sup>d</sup>, our father, being in Tyrrell County lying on the Beverdam Swamp, butted and bounded by lines of Bradley Garrett, Thomas, Richard Huff and Wm Legget **Signed:**William Brogdon **Witness:** W Fagan Africa (her xmark) Brogdon William WhiteBk A Pg 30 County: Washington Date**Written:** 31 March 1800 **Registered:** 11 Dec 1800**Grantor:** Thomas Johnson **Grantee:** Josiah Collins**For:** Sixty five pounds five shillings **Description:**

Eighty seven and three quarter acres of land held in common by William Collins and Thomas Johnson

bounded by land of William Collins - Albemarle

Sound - Beach Neck - one fourth of the land known

by the name of Old House Patent which belonged to

William Worley, Dec<sup>d</sup>. **Signed:** Thomas Johnson**Witness:** Robert Fagan Alex MillerBk A Pg 32 County: Washington Date**Written:** 20 August 1799 **Registered:** 20 December1800 **Grantor:** Edmond Blount of Tyrrell County**Grantee:** John Roulhac of Martin County **For:** Eight

Hundred and Eighty Eight and 2/3 Spanish Milled

Dollars **Description:** Four Thousand acres, a certain

Patent No. 745 bearing date December 18, 1797,

being in the Dismal...William Harrison's

patent...Harmond Webb...White. Charles Johnson -

Edmond Blount - Thomas Everett **Signed:** E<sup>d</sup> Blount**Witness:** P<sup>r</sup> Roulhac Wm Lee Gray **Remarks:**

Property was in Tyrrell until 1799

Bk A Pg 34 County: Washington Date**Written:** 8 June 1796 **Registered:** 18 December1800 **Grantor:** James Long Sr **Grantee:** JamesLong, Jr **For:** Five Hundred Pounds **Description:**

Two Hundred acres, lying on Albemarle Sound

whereon John Long formerly lived. **Signed:** JamesLong Sen **Witness:** Frederick Sealey FrederickMackdowell **Remarks:** Property was in Tyrrell until

December 1799

Bk A Pg 34 County: Washington Date**Written:** 20 August 1799 **Registered:** 20 December1800 **Grantor:** James Wiley, Tyrrell Co **Grantee:**Thomas Norman **For:** One Hundred and ThirtyPounds **Description:** One Hundred and Fifty acres

southside of Albemarle Sound - Samuel Chesson's

line (pattented by Gideon Lamb) West side of the

Branch dividing said land from land called the Nole

to Middle of the pond to Obadiah Spruill's line.

**Signed:** James Wiley **Witness:** Samuel Chesson

**Bk A Pg 35 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 24 April 1800 **Registered:** 22 December 1800 **Grantor:** David Combs **Grantee:** Ruben Coward **For:** One Hundred and Twenty six Pounds **Description:** Sixty two acres - Witches Creek Swamp - John Garrett - Levick Webb **Signed:** David Combs **Witness:** Joseph Harrison Jesse Combs

**Bk A Pg 36 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 6 March 1799 **Registered:** 3 January 1801 **Grantor:** Esther Robertson **Grantee:** William Blount **For:** \$300.00 (Three Hundred) **Description:** 200 acres - William Borrity corner tree South side of Albemarle Sound - William Collins and Thomas Johnson lines **Signed:** Esther Robertson **Witness:** Richard Downing C Duckett

**Bk A Pg 40 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 11 Nov 1799 **Registered:** 9 January 1801 **Grantor:** Mason Lee of Tyrrell County **Grantee:** Blake B. Wiggins of Martin Co **For:** Six Thousand Silver Dollars **Description:** Eleven Hundred and Eighty two acres; being the property conveyed to Mason Lee by deed from Thomas Pollock. **Signed:** Mason Lee **Witness:** Richard Wiggins Willis Wiggins Baker Wiggins:

**Bk A Pg 42 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 18 Sept 1796 **Registered:** 10 November 1800 **Grantor:** State of North Carolina **Grantee:** Thomas Walker **For:** Fifty Shillings for every hundred acres **Description:** 140 acres on South side of Conaby Creek - White Marsh Landing - William Stubbs - Isaac Adams - State of NC No 755 **Signed:** Benjamin Williams, Esq. Governor, Captain General and Commander in Chief at Raleigh **Witness:** Will White, Secretary

**Bk A Pg 44 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 10 November 1800 **Registered:** 10 March 1801 **Grantor:** State of North Carolina **Grantee:** John McCray **For:** Fifty Shillings for every hundred acres granted **Description:** State of North Carolina No. 1 Six Hundred and Forty acres South side of Albemarle Sound and West side of Bull Bay - Woolsey's corner - Frederick Davenport's corner - Alexander Fields - John Stewart's corner **Signed:** Benjamin Williams, Esq. Governor, Captain General and Commander in Chief at Raleigh **Witness:** Will White, Secretary

**Bk A Pg 46 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 11 October 1800 **Registered:** 14 March 1801 **Grantor:** Oliver Morton and Sarah Morton **Grantee:** William Currell **For:** Six Hundred Dollars

**Description:** 75 acres; land purchased from Benjamin Blount, J. Everett's line - Thomas Rogers - fork swamp **Signed:** Oliver Morton **Witness:** Joseph Everett, Sarah Morton, Ann Godfrey

**Bk A Pg 47 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 20 September 1800 **Registered:** 14 March 1801 **Grantor:** Thomas Everett **Grantee:** Downing Davis **For:** Three Hundred Dollars good money **Description:** 88 acres; joining Nathaniel Everett's line - cypress swamp - branch **Signed:** Thomas Everett **Witness:** John Phelps, Nancy Walker

**Bk A Pg 49 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 1 December 1800 **Registered:** 14 March 1801 **Grantor:** Thomas and Nathaniel Everett **Grantee:** Henry Allen **For:** Forty two pounds ten shillings **Description:** 40 acres; part of tract or grant bearing date 1751 **Signed:** Thomas Everett **Witness:** Edward Daniel, Nathaniel Everett, Baley Sehene

**Bk A Pg 51 & 52 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 27 Nov 1800 **Registered:** 14 March 1801 **Grantor:** James Freeman **Grantee:** John Freeman **For:** 100 pounds current money **Description:** 50 acres; On Scuppernong Percoson on the southern most end of TURKEY ISLAND My mothers life only excepted **Signed:** James Freeman **Witness:** James Snell John Newberry

**Bk A Pg 52-53 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 14 May 1800 **Registered:** 31 May 1801 **Grantor:** Caleb Bembridge **Grantee:** Seth Hardison **For:** 20 (twenty) pounds **Description:** Lot # 48 Town of Plymouth **Signed:** Caleb Bembridge **Witness:** Ezekial Hardison Nathan Blount

**Bk A Pg 54 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 24 March 1800 **Registered:** 15 April 1801 **Grantor:** John Drew of Bertie County **Grantee:** David Clark **For:** Seven Hundred Dollars **Description:** Lot # 138 Town of Plymouth being one acre on the river Roanoke **Signed:** John Drew **Witness:** Jno Guyther Levin Bozman

**Bk A Pg 55 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 25 October 1800 **Registered:** 15 April 1801 **Grantor:** Daniel G Shaler **Grantee:** David Clark **For:** \$1000 **Description:** Lot # 111 in Town of Plymouth **Signed:** Daniel G Shaler **Witness:** B Fessenden Levin Bozman

**Bk A Pg 56 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 25 October 1800 **Registered:** 15 April 1801 **Grantor:** John Armistead **Grantee:** Daniel G Shaler **For:** \$1200.00 **Description:** Lot 111 in Town of Plymouth **Signed:** Jno Armistead **Witness:** B Fessenden



**Bk A Pg 57 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 26 November 1800 **Registered:** 16 April 1801 **Grantor:** Stephen Ventress and Martha Collins **Description:** Articles of Agreement for term of 20 years - VENTRES to provide Martha with meat, drink, washing and lodging - Martha to faithfully serve VENTRESS as a good faithful servant without absenting from the same or imbezeling any of money or goods of said Ventress or any way disobeying his lawful commands **Signed:** Stephen Ventress & Martha <sup>her</sup> <sub>mark</sub> Collins **Witness:** Ezekial Hardison Ar Rhoads G Streets

**Bk A Pg 58-59 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 24 September 1800 **Registered:** 2 May 1801 **Grantor:** William Gilbird **Grantee:** Thomas Fagan **For:** 165 pounds **Description:** Part of a tract of land containing 217 acres known by the name of STUBBS HALL **Signed:** Wm Gilbird **Witness:** Richard Fagan Thomas Stubbs M R Byron -

**Bk A Pg 59 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 31 October 1800 **Registered:** 23 May 1801 **Grantor:** Michael King **Grantee:** Thomas Stubbs **For:** 250 Pounds **Description:** Bill of sale for negroe man by the name of JACOB **Signed:** Michael King **Witness:** C Duckett

**Bk A Pg 60 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 31 March 1800 **Registered:** 23 May 1801 **Grantor:** William Boykin of Halifax County **Grantee:** William Fagan **For:** \$250.00 **Description:** Bill of Sale - two negroes Lurany and David formerly the property of Mrs. Maryan, deceased **Signed:** Wm Boykin **Witness:** Arthur Rhoads Jas Plower

**Bk A Pg 61-63 County:** Tyrrell / Washington **Date Written:** 23 May 1794 **Registered:** 6 January 1795 Tyrrell Co., 22 May 1801 Washington **Grantor:** John Goelet Eliz<sup>a</sup> T Goelet **Grantee:** Thomas Stubbs son of John Stubbs **For:** 160 Pounds 10 shillings **Description:** 107 Acres on West side of Kendriks Creek **Signed:** John Goelet Eliz<sup>a</sup> T Goelet **Witness:** C Duckett W Draper **Remarks:** An "Indorsement" dated 4 May 1795 of this deed of sale from Thomas Stubbs Jr. to his son Thomas Stubbs was proved in court by Steward Walker & registered in Washington Co.

**Bk A Pg 63-64 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 16 January 1799 **Registered:** 23 May 1801 **Grantor:** Henry Norman **Grantee:** Edward Hollis **For:** Sixty pounds **Description:** One messuage containing by estimation 200 acres lying and binding on COL. BLOUNT'S line going by the

name of SOWER WOOD RIDGE **Signed:** Henry Norman **Witness:** Laryus Hambleton (His Mark)

**Bk A Pg 65 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 4 November 1799 **Registered:** 23 May 1801 **Grantor:** Edward Hollis **Grantee:** William Adams **For:** Thirty pounds **Description:** 100+/- acres along my lead line and called Blount's line going by the name of SOWER WOOD RIDGE **Signed:** Edward (his mark) Hollis **Witness:** William Hinson, Lazerus Hambleton **Remarks:** This property was in Tyrrell County prior to 1799

**Bk A Pg 66 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 5 January 1801 **Registered:** 23 May 1801 **Grantor:** Edmund Blount, High Sheriff **Grantee:** John Newberry, highest bidder **For:** Thirteen pounds, five shillings **Description:** 100+/- acres on south side of Albemarle Sound beginning at the sound. Jesse Lewis; corner tree of his west line on Messers Island thence to the swamp at the southward side of the Ridge Plantation thence along swamp to the Little Cross Branch - along branch to the pond thence Abington's line to the sound. **Signed:** E. Blount, Shf. **Witness:** S. Chesson **Remarks:** This was sold by the sheriff by virtue of executions against Joseph Parremore.

**Bk A Pg 67 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 21 February 1799 **Registered:** 30 Dec 1799 - Tyrrell Co. 28 May 1801 - Washington Co. **Grantor:** Miles Hatfield **Grantee:** Stephen Ventress **For:** Twenty-five pounds **Description:** Bill of sale for a mill and a security agreement for a note of 25 pounds - household property, grindstone, one desk two chests, one table, one case and bottles, together with mywife's lifetime of letters as security **Signed:** Miles Hatfield. **Witness:** Arthur Rhodes **Remarks:** 16 October 1800 "I indorse the within to Milley Hatfield the mill excepted" Stephen Ventress - above entry was made before recordation in Washington County

**Bk A Pg 68 County:** Washington **Date Written:** 23 October 1800 **Registered:** 6 June 1801 **Grantor:** Nehemiah Spruill **Grantee:** Darius Spruill, son of Durias, my son **For:** love and affection for my grandson **Description:** 125 acres west side of Scuppernong river binding lands of Robert Davis, Andrew Oliver, Andrew Bateman and King Spruill **Signed:** Ne Spruill **Witness:** J. Oliver; Jas. Phelps **Remarks:** For filling in and carrying forward

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(Editor's Note: Part of these appeared in early editions of the newsletter or journals but the transcription by Jean and Louise was never printed in its entirety, so the entire file is being reprinted.)

## James Edward Jackson Will

*The following is the will of James Edward Jackson (born: 1842), son of Levi Jackson, SR and his wife Winifred.*

I James E. Jackson of the County of Washington State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and desire this my last will and testament in manner and from following that is to say

First that - any Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts out of the monies that may first come into her hands as part or parcel of my estate.

Item: I give and devise to my beloved wife Susan M. Jackson my dwelling house and lot where I now live for and during the times of her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between my two children Leona Alberta and Lula Myrtle.

Item: I give and bequeath to my two children Leona Alberta and Lula Myrtle Jackson (\$1000) one thousand dollars each it being the amt of my life policy or insurance in the Knights of Honor to be put out at interest on good security and the interest to be used for the purpose of education for my said children Leona Alberta and Lula Myrtle and the principle together with any interest that may be due to be paid to the said children when they arrive at the age of twenty one years. I also give and bequeath to my aforesaid children Leona Alberta and Lula Myrtle one feather bed each and furniture belonging to the same.

Item: I give and devise to my beloved wife Susan M. Jackson all the balance or residue of my Estate not herein before devised or bequeathed in this my last will and testament both real and personal and mixed for and during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or in case of marriage then it is my desire that the said property should be

equally divided between my two children Leona Alberta and Lula Myrtle. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Susan M. Jackson my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby evoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said James E. Jackson do herewith set my hand and seal this 8th day of December A. D. 1882

James E. Jackson (seal)

Signed, sealed published and delivered by the said James E. Jackson to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto,

W. H. Stubbs Jno. W. P. \_\_\_\_\_ Lloyd Bateman  
State of North Carolina } In the  
Washington County } Probate Court

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of James E. Jackson deceased is exhibited before we the undersigned. Judge of Probate for said County by Susan M. Jackson the executrix therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said James E. Jackson by the oath and examination fo W. H. Stubbs, John W. P. \_\_\_\_\_, Lloyd Bateman the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn doth dispose and say and each for himself deposeth and sayeth that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shows him purporting to be the last James E. Jackson that the said James E. Jackson in the presence of this informant subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which bears date of the Eighth day of December 1882. And the deponent saith that the said James E. Jackson the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declares the said paper to be his last will and testament and this deponent did therefore subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said James E. Jackson was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent and further these deponents say not.

W. H Stubbs (seal); Lloyd Bateman (seal); J.  
W. P. \_\_\_\_\_ (seal)

Severally sworn and subscribed this 29th day  
of August 1883 before me. J. G. Ausborn Probate  
Judge (Posted on: Washington County, NC Query Forum Judy  
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#### *Upcoming Meetings / Events*

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** - Workshop - Online Research - 2 p.m.,  
Creswell Town Hall; Gordon Basnight & Charles  
Barnes.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** - No meeting - Third Sunday is Easter -  
Make plans to attend Living History Day instead.!

**April** - Living History Week-end - Plymouth

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Somerset Research - Carl Burke

#### **Concord Homecoming**

At a quarterly board meeting in February,  
members of Concord Primitive Baptist Church  
Preservation Society, Inc., voted to change the  
annual homecoming held at the old meeting house  
from May to the third Saturday in September of  
each year. Please note this change and plan your  
calendar so you can be present this fall!

#### **One Hundred Years Ago**

As reported in the Friday, 8 March 1901  
*Roanoke Beacon*, the following orders were issued  
at the Washington County Commissioners meeting  
on Monday, 4 March 1901:

Jas. E. Askew, \$1.80 for summoning hands to  
work on roads in Plymouth Township;

Jos. Swain, \$7.93 for one month keeper of the  
poor house;

J. O. Gurganus, \$1.08 for summoning hands to  
work on Dismal Road;

W. H. Ange, 60¢ for warning hands to work on  
road to Long Ridge;

L. F. Bowen, 60¢ for summoning hands to work  
on road to Roper;

Ben Nurney \$3 for furnishing coffin for Marcellus  
Latham;

E. H. Davenport, \$1.93 for sumoning hands to  
work on road to Acre;

O. H. Oliver, \$1.68 for summoning hands to work  
on Red Hill Road;

W. O. Marriner, \$1 for work and nails on Peacock  
Bridge;

Walker & Myers, \$2.34 for lumber furnished for  
Peacock Bridge;

Nelson Chaplin, \$1.53 for summoning hands to  
work on road in Scuppernong Township;

F. J. Johnston, \$27.35 for his account for January  
and February, liquor license blanks, stationary, etc.

J. J. Ward, 90¢ for summoning hands to work on  
road in Scuppernong Township.

E. B. Gurganus, 72¢ for summoning hands to work  
on Hollis Road;

W. J. Jackson, sheriff, \$21.80 for turn keys,  
serving road orders and feeding prisoners;

W. B. Brickhouse, \$1.71 for summoning hands to  
work on public road in Middle Neck;

J. H. Skittletharp, \$38.71 furnishing poor house,  
court house and jail during month of February;

W. T. Hatfield, \$1.17 for summoning hands to  
work on the road to Skinnersville township;

Wilson Chesson, \$2.22? for summoning hands  
towork on roads Skinnersville township;

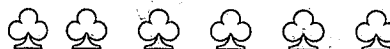
J. E. Norman be allowed \$6.21 for furnishing  
rations to W. Skittletharpe for Dec., Jan. and Feb.

A. J. Davenport be allowed \$15 for 5 coffins in  
Scuppernong Township since October 1900.



And - from the same issue:

**A poor little fellow named Vaughn  
Went out once to play on the laughn  
When a cyclone came nigh  
Swept him up to the skigh  
And no one knew whence he had gaughn.**



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